

A meeting of the **Civic Center Priority Task Force (CCPTF)** was held on Wednesday, October 22, 2003 at 7:30 pm, at City Hall in the Council Board Room. Brian Wattles called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Mary Ann Bernardi (Troy Citizens United)
Leonard Bertin (Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities)
Ann Partlan (Historic District Commission)
Ryan Deel (Traffic Committee)
Michele Hodges (Troy Shareholders) (CCPTF Vice-chair)

Tom Krent (Parks and Rec. Advisory Board)
Mark Maxwell (Board of Zoning Appeals)
David Ogg (Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens)
Brian Wattles (Historical Commission) (CCPTF Chair)
Jeff Biegler (Superintendent of Parks)

ALSO PRESENT:

Laura Fitzpatrick, Assistant to the City Manager

ABSENT:

Catherine Herzog (Troy Youth Council)
Carol Price (Downtown Development Authority)
Walter Storrs (Planning Commission)

Resolution # CCPTF-2003-10-007

Moved by Bernardi
Seconded by Ogg

RESOLVED, that absent members Herzog, Price and Storrs shall be excused.

Yes: All – 10

No: None

Absent: Herzog, Price, Storrs

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT – SECTION 1

None

1. Minutes

Resolution # CCPTF-2003-10-008

Moved by Bertin
Seconded by Deel

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the October 8, 2003 meeting be approved as amended with the following changes:

- Item #2, add the sentence "**Several Council members expressed positive comments about the progress of the CCPTF.**"
- Item #5, add to first bullet "**Also, Hodges expressed concern that the process is not bogged down with too many details at this time and that Council is provided with an interim report.**"
- Item #5, add to second bullet "**Hodges felt strongly about including the TSD in the site planning as they will likely become major users of the amenities that are included.**"
- Item #5, add a fifth bullet, "**Biegler mentioned the close working relationship currently enjoyed with the TSD by the City Parks and Recreation Department.**"

Yes: Bernardi, Bertin, Partlan, Deel, Krent, Ogg, Maxwell, Wattles, Biegler

No: None

Abstain: Maxwell (absent)

Absent: Herzog, Price, Storrs

MOTION CARRIED

2. **Comments from chair on the action of Council regarding the CCPTF request to move the Reflective Head sculpture.** Wattles announced that City Council approved the relocation of the Reflective Head sculpture from the Southwest to the Southeast corner of the intersection of Town Center Drive and Civic Center Drive. New location has been staked and work should begin shortly to place the Head in the new location.
3. **Action to reconsider the CCPTF resolution to seek advice from a local architectural firm.** Wattles began discussion of memo sent to all members by Fitzpatrick on John Szerlag's behalf regarding the resolution passed at the October 8, 2003 meeting to seek input from Yamasaki Architects. Following a brief discussion, there was a vote to reconsider the October 8th resolution.

Resolution #CCPTF-2003-10-009

Moved by Bertin

Seconded by Deel

RESOLVED, that previously approved resolution (#CCPTF-2003-10-006) to solicit input from Yamasaki Architects be reconsidered.

Yes: Bernardi, Bertin, Partlan, Deel, Krent, Ogg, Maxwell, Wattles, Biegler

No: Hodges

Absent: Herzog, Price, Storrs

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #CCPTF-2003-10-010

Moved by Ogg

Seconded by Maxwell

RESOLVED, that Resolution #CCPTF-2003-10-006 directing Michele Hodges to ask Yamasaki Architects if they would provide input (free of charge) once the CCPTF has elements in place be rescinded.

Yes: Bernardi, Bertin, Partlan, Deel, Krent, Ogg, Maxwell, Wattles, Biegler

No: Hodges

Absent: Herzog, Price, Storrs

MOTION CARRIED

4. Work with the site map and markup of the amenities and path placement.

- Krent located elements discussed during previous meetings on an overlay of the Civic Center site map.
- Ogg suggested a garden located near the Community Center for bridal photos for groups that could also reserve space in the Community Center for banquets.
- Discussion of an enhanced gardens area along Town Center Drive from Livernois to Civic Center Drive.
- Wattles – Looking for photos of bridges with covered seating.
- Bertin – Need to provide seating areas throughout the design.
- Hodges – The area should contain creative play equipment that is not intrusive to the site – not the brightly colored structures that are in most parks, but something that will blend in to the site.
- Discussion on parking prompted a request for Biegler to check with John Abraham regarding parking necessary for an outdoor amphitheater. Deel suggested looking at the issue of parking for the entire site as a whole, rather than identify parking locations for each element. Hodges recommended including a general statement in the narrative of the report that will go to Council indicating that all parking should be designed with a regard to accessibility concerns.
- Discussion of pathways. Wattles – Narrative should also include a general statement that pathways should be included throughout both to connect prime use venues as well as serve as fitness, or running paths. Narrative should also cover the reasons for the locations of the pathways, which will utilize the creek, ring road, and connections to Huber Park.
- Bertin would like to see a replica of the museum gazebo located somewhere on the site as it is a prominent feature of the City logo.

- Wattles stressed that community involvement should be paramount in the design of the Civic Center as they will become stakeholders in the final plan.
- Deel suggested Council establish a Civic Center Advisory Committee to take care of on-going development and custodial issues on the site.
- Bernardi suggested oriental gardens in northeast section

Resolution #CCPTF-2003-10-011

Moved by Deel

Seconded by Bertin

RESOLVED, that the City Council consider the establishment of a permanent Civic Center Advisory Committee to address all issues regarding the Civic Center site.

Yes: Bernardi, Bertin, Partlan, Deel, Krent, Ogg, Maxwell, Wattles, Hodges, Biegler

No: None

Absent: Herzog, Price, Storrs

MOTION CARRIED

5. Continued discussion of methodology and content of presentation to Council.

- Fitzpatrick and Hodges brought photos to pass around of various fountains, plazas, streetscapes, ice arenas, etc.
- Wattles brought a power point demo to assist with the process of assembling the report that will be presented to Council.
- Group decided to take handouts of the power point presentation, add enhancements for next meeting. Items will then be compiled and formatted into finished power point presentation.
- Bernardi brought photos of Cranbrook and Bloomfield Township Library grounds

PUBLIC COMMENT – SECTION 2

Reminder: Next meeting in on November 12, 2003 at 7:30 pm

Location: City Hall – 2nd Floor Council Board Room

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Brian Wattles, Meeting Chair

Jeff Biegler, Superintendent of Parks